CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-1804
Patrick J. Caslin House
40 Church Lane
Cockeysville, Baltimore County
Circa 1926
Private

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The dwelling, located at 40 Church Lane, was constructed circa 1926. The two-and-a-half-story American foursquare dwelling is detailed with modest Craftsman style elements. The two-bay wide wood frame dwelling is clad in vinyl siding and features a solid random rubble stone foundation and a hipped roof clad in asphalt shingles. One stretcher bond brick chimney bisects the west elevation of the dwelling. The house fronts south on and sits on a level, grassy lot on the north side of Church Lane. The façade, or south elevation, is two bays wide with a side entry. One flush-and-lighted single-leaf wood door and three grouped 1/1 vinyl windows pierce the first story. These openings are sheltered by a full-width, two-bay porch with a half-hipped roof supported by tapered Craftsman style wood posts that sit on stone piers. A circa 1990 square-edged wood balustrade spans one of the bays. The second story is pierced by four 1/1 vinyl windows that are paired on the two bays. A half-hipped dormer, clad in asphalt shingles, rises from the roof and features a two-light sliding vinyl window. All façade openings have vinyl surrounds and sills. A one-story, one-bay wide vinyl-clad projection with a half-hipped roof and inset rear porch extends from the north elevation.

### Inventory No. BA-1804

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

1. Name of F	Property	(indicate preferred r	name)					
historic								
other	Patrick J. Caslin I	House						
2. Location								
street and number	40 Church Lane						_ not for	publication
city, town	Cockeysville						vicinity	
county	Baltimore County							
3. Owner of	Property	(give names and mailing	address	ses of al	l owners)	)		5.9
name	Reverend F. P. Ke	eough						
street and number	101 Church Lane					telephone	Not Avai	ilable
city, town	Cockeysville		state	MD		zip code	21030	
4. Location	of Legal De	scription						
courthouse, registry	of deeds, etc. Ba	ltimore County Courthous	se		liber	Not Availab	le folio Not	Available
city, town	Towson	tax map 51	tax	parcel	233	tax	ID number	0811017270
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7. Description	Inventory No. BA-1804		
Condition			

\_\_\_ excellent \_\_\_ deteriorated X good \_\_\_ ruins \_\_ fair \_\_\_ altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Signific	ance			Inventory No. BA-1804
Period	Areas of Significance	Check and j	ustify below	
1600-1699 1700-1799 1800-1899 1900-1999 2000-	agriculture archeology X architecture art commerce communications community planning conservation	<ul> <li>economics</li> <li>education</li> <li>engineering</li> <li>entertainment/</li> <li>recreation</li> <li>ethnic heritage</li> <li>exploration/</li> <li>settlement</li> </ul>	health/medicine industry invention landscape archite law literature maritime history military	performing arts philosophy politics/government ecture religion science social history transportation other:
Specific dates	circa 1926		Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction da	ates circa 1926			
Evaluation for:				
-	National Register	N	Maryland Register	Xnot evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Settled as early as 1801 by John Clark, the community now known as Texas, Maryland, was originally referred to as Clark's Switch. Over the next decades, the numerous quarries and mining opportunities surrounding the area drew many people to the settlement at Clark's Switch, which was soon known as Clarksville, and then as Ellengowan.<sup>2</sup> Throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Texas was well known as a center for limestone quarries.

The quarrying of Texas limestone for commercial investment began in 1804. The availability of this resource meant prosperity not only for local builders, but also for local farmers, for a large amount of Texas limestone was burned to produce lime for the conditioning of soil. From 1804 until 1840, the quarrying of limestone around Texas increased dramatically, resulting in a total of roughly 50 limestone kilns in operation during the last half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. In 1877 alone, there were no fewer than 42 lime kilns in or near the center of Texas, most of which were situated along the Northern Central Railway near the town's railroad station. This latter fact is probably due to the ease with which the final product could be shipped out of Texas for distribution and sale to other parts of the county.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Heritage Committee of the Greater Timonium American Bicentennial Committee, Inc., *The Limestone Valley* (Timonium, MD: The Greater Timonium American Bicentennial Committee, Inc., 1976), p. 31.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Heritage Committee of the Greater Timonium American Bicentennial Committee, Inc., *The Limestone Valley* (Timonium, MD: The Greater Timonium American Bicentennial Committee, Inc., 1976), p. 129; see also *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia: G. M. Hopkins, 1877), p. 47.

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By the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, the community was officially known as Texas. Its change in name was apparently spurred by a nationalistic fervor that overtook the area during the Mexican-American War. <sup>4</sup> The industrial opportunity in the town led to an increasing population in Texas. In 1881, the town's population had reached 649, nearly two and one-half times that of Cockeysville, which was located only one mile to the north. Although no employment statistics exist for this time period, it is probable that the local quarries or kilns employed the majority of the residents of Texas. With increasing interests in the quarrying of limestone and its location along the Northern Central Railway, Texas then needed to accommodate the needs of its citizens. In 1852, St. Joseph's Catholic Church was founded. To meet the educational needs of children in the town, a schoolhouse was erected prior to 1877 along Beaver Dam Road. In addition, the Baltimore County Poor House was built in 1873 just east of Texas and York Road. <sup>5</sup>

The residential population of Texas lived primarily along the Church Lane corridor, perpendicular to the Northern Central Railway line through the town. Even with its strong economic growth from the 1860s through the 1880s, the citizens of Texas occupied only a small geographic area around the thriving commercial center of the railroad station. Although a few of the more wealthy citizens of the town had larger, more rural properties along other improved and unimproved roads that encircled the town, the vast majority of residential structures were built at the heart of the town.<sup>6</sup>

By the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the community increased its density without expanding its borders. The town continued to thrive along Church Lane. It was at this point in the history of Texas that the Patrick J. Caslin House was constructed in the thriving community. With increased commercial development to the north of Baltimore City in the mid- and late 20<sup>th</sup> century, however, the population and building stock of Texas has begun

<sup>6</sup> Atlas of Baltimore County (Philadelphia: G. M. Hopkins, 1877), p.47.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> J.C. Sidney, Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850), n.p; see also John McGrain, From Pig Iron to Cotton Duck: A History of Manufacturing Villages in Baltimore County (Towson, MD: Baltimore County Public Library, 1985), p. 324, and The Heritage Committee of the Greater Timonium American Bicentennial Committee, Inc., The Limestone Valley (Timonium, MD: The Greater Timonium American Bicentennial Committee, Inc., 1976), p. 31.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> J. Thomas Scharf, History of Baltimore City and County from the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of their Representative Men (Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1881), p. 882.

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a decline. The removal of the grade crossing along Church Lane now prevents passage from York Road through to Beaver Dam Road, and the residential community has been effectively cut off from the surrounding area. Additionally, an increasing number of properties have been purchased and developed by quarry interests, and much of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century residential buildings have been demolished.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Map of Baltimore County (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915), n.p.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property _	.10 Acres		
Acreage of historical setting	Unknown		
Quadrangle name	Cockeysville	Quadrangle scale:	1:24,000

#### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since 1926, the Patrick J. Caslin House has been associated with the 2.3 acres known as tax parcel 223 of map 51, located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

# 11. Form Prepared by

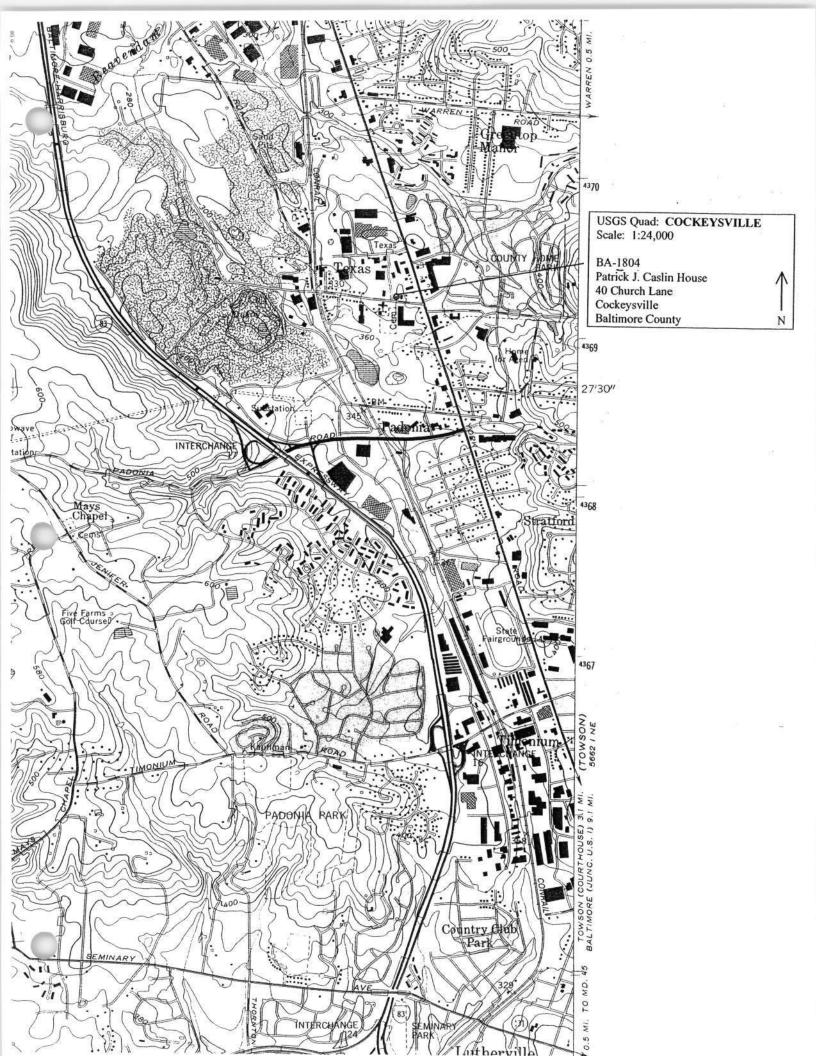
name/title	A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Traceries, Incorporated	date	April 24, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

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Maryland Historical Trust DHCD/DHCP 100 Community Place Crownsville, MD 21032-2023 410-514-7600





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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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#### CONDITION

XEXCELLENT \_\_DETERIORATED \_\_GOOD \_\_RUINS \_\_UNEXPOSED

\_UNALTERED

CHECK ONE

\_\_MOVED DATE\_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This dwelling is located approximately 40 feet from the street on the north side of Church Lane in Texas. It is of square central block design, with a one story extension on the north-west. The foundation is of uncoursed stone. The house itself is frame, at one time stucco over lathe, presently covered with aluminum siding. It is two stories with unfinished attic and has a shingled equlateral hip roof with a two bay hip dormer which runs north-south on the ridge of the roof. Originally all roofs (house, dormers, porches) had deep overhangs with exposed rafter ends. These have been altered. Those on the roof are gone, while those on porches and gables have been modified, with the use of aluminum. There is a small functional brick chimney on the west.

The south facade is four bays wide i.e. a door and a triad of sash windows on the first floor and two sets of double windows on the second. The east and west facades are two bays deep, while the south is three. All windows on the first and second floors are 3/1 lite. These upper lites are divided by mullions into 3 vertical panes. Windin the gables are 6 lite casement, which open inward. The entrance door on the south facade is half glass. This glass is beveled on the outside and divided by vertical mullions.

There is a four bay, one story porch on the south. This porch is supported by three square stone pillars of uncoursed stone. These pillars are topped with simple truncated wood columns, which support the hip roof. A diamond shaped colored glass window, at stair landing level on the west lends a decorative element to this otherwise very simple and functional house.

The house is of side hall plan, two rooms deep on the east. The parlor is separated from the hall by an archway flanked by half walls which are paneled and topped by Doric columns. Baseboards are wide and plain. Trim around the windows is plain but flared at the top. Pipes and radiators are exposed. The dining room immediately north of the parlor is reached through double glass doors. The kitchen is on the north-west north of the hall. There is evidence of the flue from an old cook stove. A small pantry is located off of the kitchen.

The second floor is reached by two run stairs, with a small landing, on the west side of the entrance hall. The handrail, newel and balusters are a plain dark wood. There are four bedrooms and bath on the second floor. Only the north-east and south-east bedrooms have closets. A wide enclosed two run stairway, in the south-west bedroom leads to the unfinished attic. Painted on one of the rafters is "This house was built in the year 1926 and painted by William F. Grimm Cockeysville".

The cellar is of uncoursed stone, which has been partially stuccoed. The floor is cement. There are two windows on the east wall. Entrance to the cellar is by an enclosed stairway, on the west wall beween the entrance hall and kitchen.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PREHISTORIC	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION
_1500-1599	_AGRICULTURE	_ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCIENCESCULPTURE
1600-1699 1700-1799	ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATIONENGINEERING	MILITARY MUSIC	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN THEATER
X1900-1899	COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHYPOLITICS/GOVERNMENT	TRANSPORTATION OTHER (SPECIFY)
	all marked and the state of the	_INVENTION		Adaptive Use Street Scape

SPECIFIC DATES 1926

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Unknown

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This modest two story, frame dwelling is part of the street scape formed by the builings in the St Joseph's Church complex on the east end of Church Lane. In size and scale it blends homogeniously with the other buildings. Plans and details of construction are similar to those

models found in builder's catalogues of the period.

The property itself was first purchased by the Archdiosese of Baltimore from the Misses Price in 1923 for \$1,918, including the sites for Community Hall and the house. The house lot was sold to Patrick Caslin in 1926, with a number of covenants. These included: the minimum setback of the house from the street, 40 feet; the minimum cost for any house errected, \$4,000; that it could not be used for commercial purposes; nor could it be sold to blacks. The property returned to the urch in 1976, through the will of Mrs Caslin. It was purchased from the estate for \$40,000. It is presently being removated and restored for use as a community health center. This is a joint venture of St Joseph's Church and St Joseph's Hospital. It is a good example of adaptive usage.

# BA- 1804

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore County Land Records: WPC 633/60, WPC 577/552, WPC 489/222, WPC 442/316, WPC 322/385, WPC 315/574, WPC 283/478, Baltimore County Mortgage Records: WPC 252/99, NBM 221/196, Baltimore County Wills: T.L.R. 1/217

### CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

### 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 50 X 143

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

### FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marion S. Anderson ( student)

ORGANIZATION

DATE

December 19, 1978

Goucher College STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

200 Brightdale Road

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Timonium

Maryland # 21093

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust

The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

(301) 267-1438

### CHAIN OF TITLE

### ST JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

### # 40 Church Lane

5810/56 - 29 September 1977 - Albert F. Caslin deed to Rev William D. Bord ers. Lot size 50'X1431 North side of Church Lane Texas

Being same lot

WPC 633/60 - 27 May 1926- Archbishop Michael J. Curley deed in fee to Patrick J. Caslin - subject to covenants - Lot size 50'X1143'

#### Covenants

1. No shop, store, factory, saloon, public garage or auto repair business or business house of any kind shall be erected or maintained on the land or any part thereof, hereby conveyed but the said premises shall be occupied and used for residential purposes only and not otherwise.

2. There shall not at any time be more than one residence or dwelling

house on the land or any part thereof hereby conveyed.

3. No residence or dwelling erected shall be errected or kept on said land or any part thereof costing less than \$4,000

- 4. No residence or dwelling house shall be errected on said land or any part thereof wholly or partly within 40 feet from the north side of Church Lane
- 5. No nuisance of any kind shall be maintained or allowed thereon, nor nor any use thereof made or permitted which shall be noxious or dangerous to health.
- 6. That the said land hereby conveyed shall not or shall any part there of be rented, used, leased, transferred to or occupied by persons of negro extraction
- 7. Distinctly covenented and agreed between the parties hereto that all the covenants and agreements above expressed shall be held to run with and bind the land hereby conveyed and all subsequent owners and occuppants thereof.

#### Part of Parcel

WPC 577/552 - 21 September 1923 - Mary Bissell Price deed in Feetto Rev. Michael J. Curley - \$1,957.50 - 2.61 acres
On the south side of Texas Lane, end of the first line of a parcel G.H.C. 29/316 John Clark to Francis Patrick Kendrick 18 May 1860 (first graveyard lot)

### Part of land

WPC 44.2/316 - 6 March 1915 - Cassandra Lee Arnold deed in fee simple to Mary Bissell Price - \$11,500 - containing 95.50 acres of land.
This lot ran from York Turnpike Road to the Baltimore and Susquehana Railroad

Part of Tract of Land Lot C of the Real Estate of Mary C. Nisbet

Will of Mary Cockey Owings Nisbet Liber 1/216-223 - pp 220 devised to her daughter Cassandra wife of Thomas Lee Lot C containing 144acres, 3 roods and 19 4/10 acres of land - Will made in May 1848

Lot C was a part of Division # 4 of the real estate of Thomas Cockey Deye which was distributed by order of the High Court of Chancery in 1808. It was inherited by Mary Cockey Owings Nisbet

